

Consumers' association to be set up for private patients

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

A consumers' association for private patients is to be set up in the autumn to provide a guide to private health insurance and to advise patients on complaints against private hospitals.

The Private Patients Association is the brainchild of Mr Hugh Elwell, a consultant on the private sector who has been an adviser to BUPA, Private Patients Plan and American Medical International, the largest private hospital group in Britain.

Subscribers, who will pay between £10 and £20 a year will receive a news letter on new developments in the health insurance market, a guide to the schemes available, and a complaints service.

Aids may be made notifiable disease

By Our Social Services Correspondent

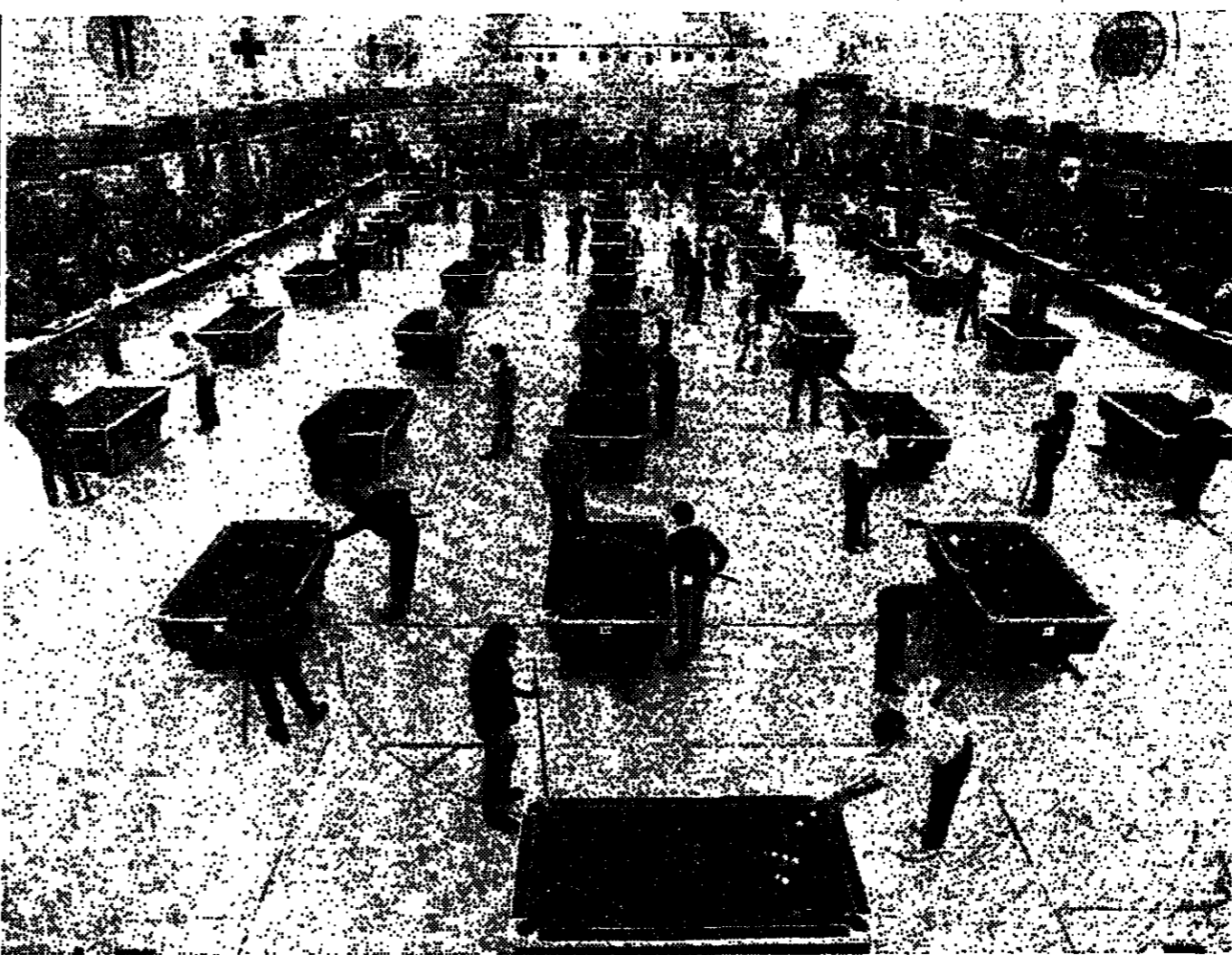
The Government is considering making Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) a notifiable disease which would provide powers to detain patients in hospital for treatment if they would otherwise be a risk to others.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, said on BBC Television's *This Week* that a decision would be made "within the next week or two".

Safeguards for direct mail buyers

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Greater protection for people who respond to direct mail advertising and circulars is the aim of the Direct Mail Services Standards Board, the industry's watchdog body set up nearly two years ago.



Right on cue: Some of the 900 contestants who took part yesterday in the John Bull Bitter London pool championship at Alexandra Palace, north London. The finalists, who had come through from 7,500 play-offs in public houses, met in a knock-out for a £1,000 prize and an opportunity to play Andy Loppaz, the top British pool player. Photograph: Norman Lomax.

MPs attack 'class bias' of train meals

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

A Conservative MP yesterday accused British Rail of a political controversy broke over its plea to ban passengers travelling second class from being served sit-down meals in restaurant cars.

Mr Charles Irving, MP for Cheltenham and chairman of the Commons catering committee. He wrote to Mr Nicholas Ridley, secretary of State of Transport, "objecting in the strongest possible terms to this blatant discrimination which, if involved race, would be against the law".

Mr Irving said: "The next thing I suppose will be to make the discrimination even more blatant by putting second class passengers in cattle trucks."

Passengers in first class will be served a range of pre-cooked meals at their seats, but second class will be confined to cakes and sandwiches from a trolley, or hot and cold snacks. Passengers in second class have had a foretaste of the new policy on Inter-City trains to Swansea, Wolverhampton and Manchester.

Violence inquiry call at women's prison

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Leon Britan, the Home Secretary, faces demands today for an inquiry into sexual abuse and assaults on young prisoners at Stryal women's prison in Cheshire.

Stryal's governor, Mr James Anderson, confirmed yesterday that he had received reports of sexual assault on two girls on separate occasions.

Mr Fletcher alleged that girls were "restrained" by a "jury of their peers, who are housed separately from adult prisoners, for the original offence and given a punishment thought appropriate."

He said that he had traced five incidents in which girls aged between 17 and 19 alleged they had been assaulted. Three of the five received hospital treatment and two were transferred to other institutions.

Decision on Warnock proposals delayed

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government is not yet ready to announce its conclusions on the Warnock report, despite the second reading, due this Friday, of Mr Enoch Powell's private member's Bill to ban all research on human embryos.

With MPs having been bombarded by petitions from pro-life groups calling for a ban on embryo research, and a petition with more than one million signatures to be presented this week, Mr Powell's Bill is thought likely to get its second reading this week.

Mayor's taxi

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The Lord Mayor of York, Mr Ken Cooper, is using taxis to get to official functions after the civic Daimler failed its MoT test.

Inventor to sue Law Society

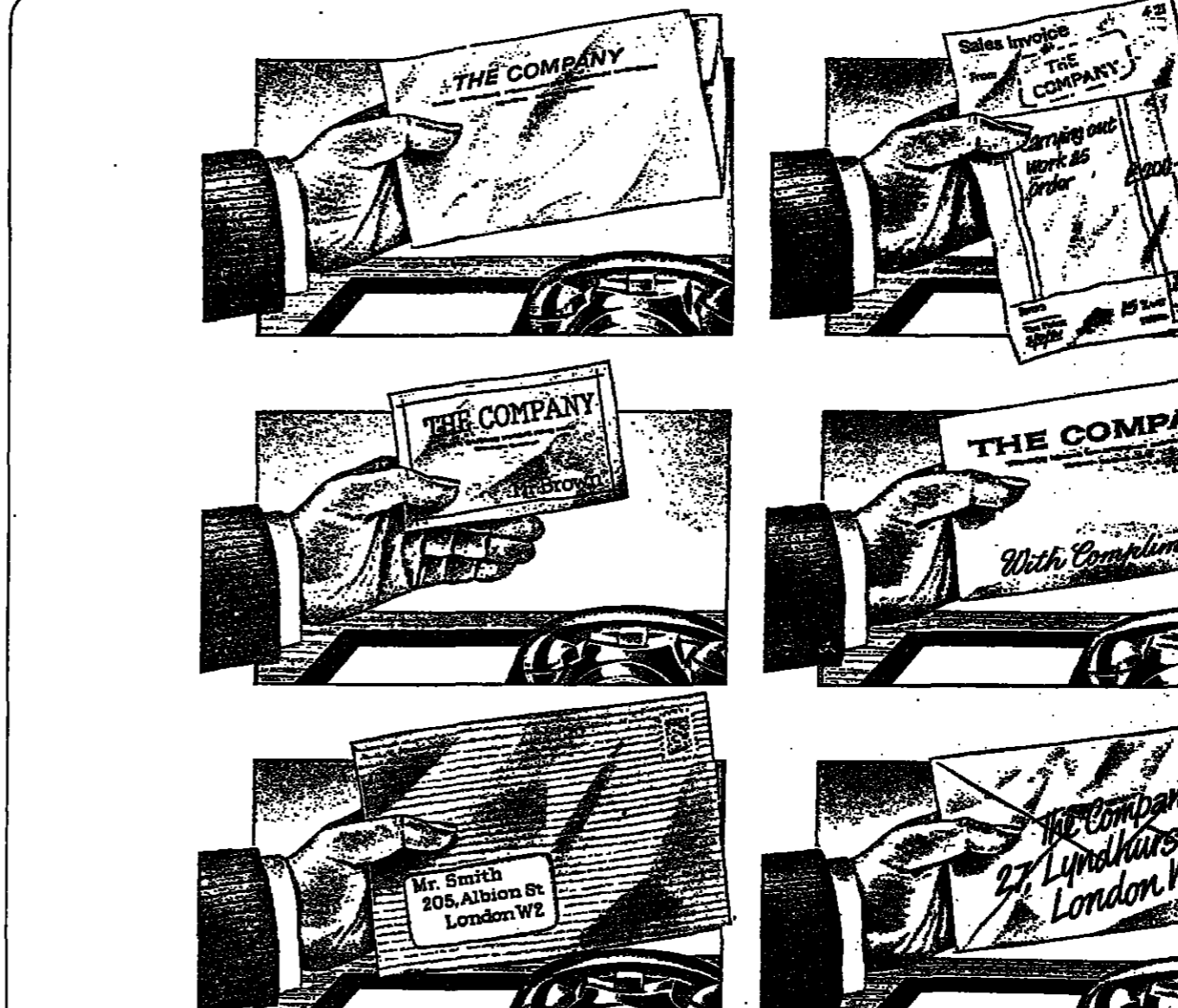
By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A businessman who was forced to go to court to get his solicitor struck off after the Law Society had failed to act, is to sue the society for negligence.

Peers aim to end court costs 'injustice'

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Opposition peers, supported by the Law Society, are promoting an amendment to the Prosecution of Offences Bill to end the "injustice" of defendants acquitted in magistrates' courts being left to find their own costs.



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Adopt-a-plant campaign guards rarities

By Patricia Clough

Long-forgotten plants which once flourished in Gloucestershire gardens are becoming familiar again, thanks to a gardener's adopt-a-plant campaign.

Conservation of Plants and Gardens, said "Garden centres are becoming popular plants which sell easily and grow quickly, and lots of varieties are being lost."

tershire snowdrops, once cultivated by the Glanvill Snowdrop Company, near Stroud. The former owner, Mr Herbert Ransom, has passed the species on to her.

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Streamlined approach to road planning could stir fewer passions

More than a decade ago a public inquiry in West Yorkshire was disrupted by objectors to a proposed new trunk road along the Aire Valley...

Forty seven years after Petersfield, Hampshire, was promised a bypass, and nearly ten since the Government began studying routes, proposals reach a public inquiry tomorrow...

Road proposals stir irconcilable passions, more than new housing estates, factories, office blocks or even airports...

the options to be put on display. Having done its best to assess local wishes, the department publishes its preferred route and invites comments...

More realistically, NEDO would like to remove "the legal/adversarial approach" in favour of an attempt to reach a consensus on the least controversial or least damaging route.

A frequent accusation at inquiries is that the Department of Transport is forcing its plans down people's throats...

At one time inquiry inspectors were chosen from the department's own panel, which provoked accusations that it was acting as judge and protagonist...

Its most contentious suggestion is that registered objectors at inquiries should comprise only people directly affected, and councils elected to defend their interests...

It begins with agreement by the Secretary of State that a particular scheme should enter the so-called preparation pool...

The procedure is undeniably protracted and cumbersome, and the National Economic Development Office has put forward suggestions for streamlining and simplifying it.

The environmentalists' answer that, if the British Road Federation, also a pressure group, can argue for more roads in general, they should be allowed to present the opposing case...

It suggests county councils would do a better job than the department, partly because they are more in touch with local opinion...

Tomorrow: the inquiry issues



Salt water saved this horse from the slaughterhouse. When an Edinburgh dairy stopped horse-drawn deliveries, no buyer could be found for Patch, an eight-year-old piebald Irish gyp...

Antique dealers expel author member

The London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association has expelled one of its members who has written a humorous book about fiddles in the antiques trade...

Archbishop criticizes Pill Bill

Proposals to amend the Irish Republic's family planning laws were attacked by leading figures in the Roman Catholic hierarchy yesterday...

Scents of war in soldiers' poems

By Kenneth Goaling

Some of the finest poems to come out of the Second World War, discovered after an appeal by two distinguished military men...

Written on message pads, RAF logbooks and scraps of paper, they have been sifted into an anthology...

Mr Victor Selwyn, editor-in-chief of the selection, which comes after two others covering the Middle East and Italy...

"They are quite remarkable", he said. "They come from all over the world and there is much prisoner-of-war material from Golditz and the Japanese camps..."

He believes a further appeal might produce as many as 5,000 more so prolific were British and Commonwealth poets, both men and women...

He rates one particular contributor at least - Les Cleveland, former staff sergeant now on the staff of a New Zealand university...

An extract from his poem 'Cassino, runs: Now that soldier in the rubble flinches, and instantly I feel the thump of shrapnel...'

in a child-like hold; I break his arms from their embrace, and unblock his web from and look where his blood soaks into the dusty stonics...

From 'Madge Donald, now living in Southampton, these lines from A Sonnet Written to Albert in a Pub on New Year's Eve - 1942:

Though love but lasted for a single day: What matter is she loved a thousand more Yet gave you love alone in that one hour.

Poems of the Second World War: The Oasis Selection (published by Dent for Salamander Oasis Trust, hardback £12.50, paperback £ 95).

Some people were happy to follow Christian moral teaching in general but considered the Church too strict in matters of sexual morality...

The Bishop of Elphin, Dr Dominic Conway, demanded that Deputies be allowed a free vote on the issue.

The Family Solidarity Group placed the advertisements urging Deputies to oppose the measures.

The government response to the Church's criticism came from the deputy leader of Fine Gael, Mr Peter Barry.

He said that the new Bill was a sensible measure. The concern being expressed was "not justified in the light of the controlled way in which it is proposed to introduce the changes".

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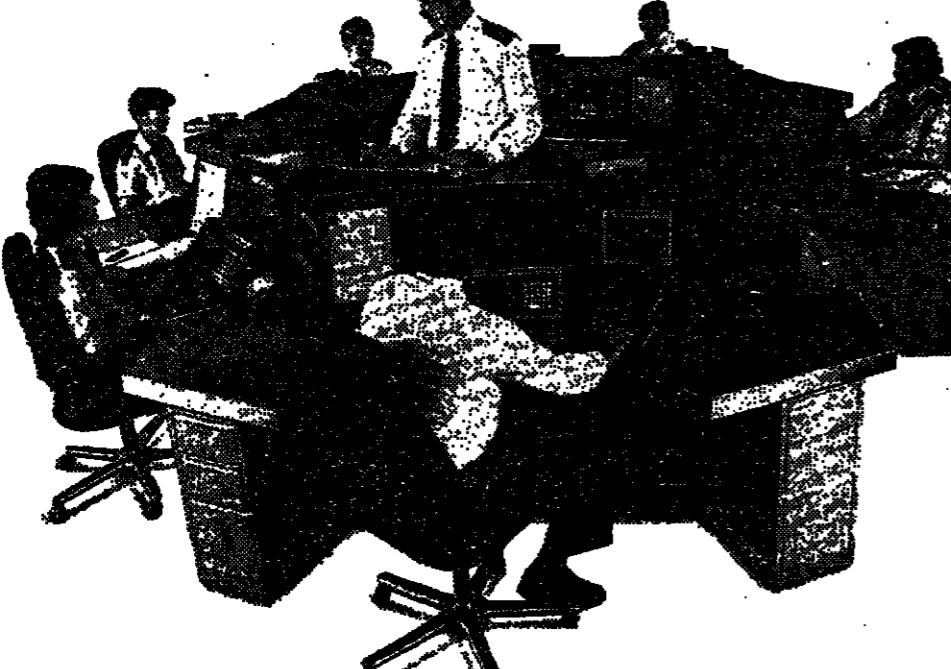
These experiments have also been halted by the seamen's union on handling those cargoes coincided last year with a call for a moratorium on dumping by member countries to the London Dumping Convention.

The other issue of sea disposal covers research of the sea bed by the Natural Environment Research Council...

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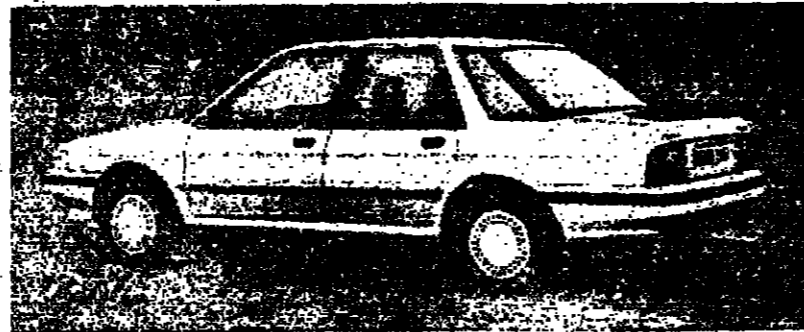
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US delegates denounce regime

Seoul blames it all on Kim

From David Watts
Seoul

The South Korean Government has claimed that Mr Kim Dae Jung hit his own bodyguard in the Seoul airport fracas on Friday and also punched a security man in the face and tried to hit another with his stick.

That was the official government denial offered for the incident in which two US congressmen and a former US ambassador were roughed up on arrival in Seoul as they accompanied Mr Kim back to Korea from the US. Mr Kim promptly denied the government version, with backing from correspondents who accompanied him on the plane.

The Government did not explain why it had been necessary to manhandle the Americans because of Mr Kim's alleged conduct.

The statement was the first of a series of bizarre developments at the weekend as Mr Kim spent his third day at home, hemmed in by a strong police and

security presence and denied permission to go to church.

The American delegation, smarting under the blank denial of events, called Friday's confrontation an insult to President Reagan and the American people and suggested next month's state visit by President Chun Doo Hwan be called off.

The briefing officer, Mr Choi Tae Soon, said Mr Kim had used abusive language to officials at the airport and categorically denied that there had been any beating or punching.

The Government's explanation left television and radio correspondents who accompanied Mr Kim on the plane angry at what they felt was an insult to their intelligence.

Mr Kim said later that, as the security men had grabbed him, he had felt pains in his hips. "I can't recall if I was hit or I hit out". He admitted using strong language at the airport but had not refused to go into the lift. He said he would not be

separated from the Americans, and an official had accepted that.

"When I was pushed into the elevator an official shouted, 'Separate the Americans'. So I shouted at the official, 'You told a lie,'" he said.

The Government continues to maintain that Mr Kim is not under house arrest. Yesterday security men blocked every entry point to the small side street on which Mr Kim's house stands. The only people allowed access to the house are relatives and foreign correspondents. A list of named foreign correspondents is kept and only those who appear on it may go to his house.

In a meeting with the American delegation, the Foreign Minister, Mr Lee Won Kyong, maintained that Mr Kim was not under house arrest despite his inability to leave his house.

The minister denied that any of the events described had taken place. The American delegation said in a prepared

statement last night: "He expressed no regret. He did not inquire about the well-being of the group... The minister implied, in some vague way which he did not define, we had not shown respect for the laws of Korea."

"Given this calculated affront to the American Government and people, we recommend that the White House give serious consideration to the postponement of President Chun's scheduled state visit. Our Government should moderate its short-sighted support for an authoritarian regime which frustrates the Korean people's yearning for democracy."

The delegation said that the whole issue could have been defused by a statement of regret from the Korean Government. On the contrary, the government issued a very strong statement not only denying any violence but harshly criticizing members of the delegation, said Congressman Edward Feighan at a press conference.



Street battle: Riot police break up an anti-American demonstration by students in Manila

Minister apologizes to Israel on Reder

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - Herr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, the Austrian Defence Minister, apologized to Israel for welcoming home the Nazi war criminal, Walter Reder.

In an interview published yesterday in Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper, Herr Frischenschlager said he met Reder on his arrival from Italy last month to prevent neo-Nazis from giving the former SS major an enthusiastic reception.

"The emphasis was on the

secret of the operation... that was why I decided to take personal command", he said. "I apologize and express my sorrow to the Israeli public for meeting (him). It was clearly a mistake on my part, and I regret it."

BOSTON: Dr Josef Mengele, accused of atrocities at Auschwitz, may be moving between Chile, Argentina and Uruguay in search of refuge, according to Mr John Loftus, a lawyer

Guerrillas surrender to Marcos

From Keith Dalton
Manila

Muslim guerrillas surrendered at the weekend and promised President Marcos they would help fight communist rebels in the southern Philippines, the presidential palace reported.

In a televised ceremonial surrender at the palace, Mr Marcos embraced the rebel leader, Nur Khan, who presented to the President his AK47 automatic rifle.

"This is a big day for all of us," Mr Marcos said as he shook hands with 147 rebel officers who turned over 115 assorted high-powered weapons.

Mr Marcos promised unconditional amnesty to the 500 troops of Nur Khan, who for 12 years led the Moro National Liberation Front Revolutionary Committee in Davao, on the southern island of Mindanao.

The mass surrender was the biggest since last August when 1,300 MNLF rebels surrendered. More than 53,000 Muslim rebels have laid down their arms since the secessionist rebellion broke out in 1972 over Muslim demands for autonomy in the southern Philippines, according to the state run Philippines News Agency.

This figure is disputed by observers, however, who say government offers of money, land and houses have led an unknown number of rebels to "surrender" many times over.

Ortega takes an austerity gamble

From Alan Tomlinson
Managua

The Nicaraguan Government has scrapped state subsidies on food prices and devalued the national currency in a manner calculated to push up the cost of imported goods.

The move is a bold and perhaps desperate gamble to halt the economy's steep downhill slide.

The measures are part of a complicated austerity package in support of the war effort to stimulate productivity and squeeze the rampant black market in money and merchandise.

The package, outlined by President Ortega on Friday in a radio and television broadcast was described by a senior government adviser as "economic realism coming to the revolution". The withdrawal of subsidies will double official prices of meat, chickens, eggs, milk, sugar, rice, beans and cooking oil.

Devaluation, effected by introduction of a multiple exchange rate favouring agricultural exports and penalizing non-essential imports, is likely to double the prices of virtually all manufactured goods. Wages are to be allowed to rise by periodic readjustments to cushion the shock.

Foreign exchange for raw materials, fertilizers, machinery and spare parts is to be made more available to producers who will receive the added incentive of higher government prices for livestock and crops.

There is to be a freeze on state spending and creation of new government jobs; non-producing commercial and service sectors will bear the brunt of increased taxation; and interest rates are to rise.

The aim of the package is to squeeze the money supply while channelling more goods to the hard-pressed consumer. The new measures go hand in hand with tighter controls on distribution on goods and stiffer penalties for hoarders and speculators.

The gamble at the centre of the strategy is that as official prices rise and more goods appear in the shops and markets the present exorbitant black market prices will fall because fewer people will need the goods.

He blamed the war against the American-backed Contras and American efforts to block loans to Nicaragua by international banking institutions for much of the economic crisis.

Peacock cancels Europe trip to tackle Hawke

Sydney (Reuters) - Mr Andrew Peacock, the Australian Opposition leader, has cancelled a European trip so that he can confront Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, over his handling of the country's defence policies.

Mr Peacock was to have met Mrs Margaret Thatcher in London and talked to envoys

from Western and communist countries in Geneva on a seven-day tour starting yesterday.

Mr Hawke returns today from talks in the United States. He will face criticism from his own Labour Party over the way he originally agreed to provide logistical support for US testing of the MX missile. He reversed

the decision on his way to Washington.

The Prime Minister's handling of the missile affair will be the top item at a Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Mr Peacock has said Mr Hawke's reversal on the missile tests could do further damage to its Anzus alliance, already weakened by New Zealand's

refusal to allow visits by nuclear-capable US warships.

NEW YORK: at no time in Mr Hawke's talks with President Reagan or other Administration officials was there mention of possible US economic moves against New Zealand, aides to Mr Hawke said (Reuters reports).

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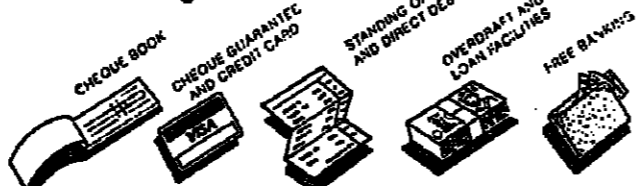
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European notebook Just the nuts and bolts are missing

It all began, appropriately enough, with the Low Voltage Directive. From today it is expected to become one of the main planks of Common Market reform.

Lord Cockfield freely admits it is a "rather dull subject" but crucial to the efficient working of the Community.

"It" is the dreaded jargon word "harmonization". In its cause Community ministers so far have fought and argued for countless hours to produce no less than 177 council directives amended by 56 Commission directives covering everything from "harmonized" noise of lawnmowers to common measuring instruments for weather forecasting.

The arguments have gone on so long over such small technical details that the Community has ground to a halt in the very areas it most needs to progress. The whole machinery of the biggest market in the world is stalled for want of agreement about a few nuts and bolts.

Today Lord Cockfield, as the commissioner responsible for opening up the EEC's common market, seeks to persuade the internal market council to think big. Instead of insisting on arguing through every detail, he will seek to

persuade ministers to accept a common standard for standards.

Following the trail boldly blazed by the Low Voltage Directive, he will ask that in future the Council should agree basic safety standards for products.

Lord Cockfield also will be urging ministers to adopt the "green channel" approach for crossing borders introduced last year by France and West Germany. Cars with a green sticker would basically be waved across Community borders because the sticker would tell officials the car carried only EEC citizens.

What about the British fear that this would allow terrorists and drug traffickers to run free? "The majority of Europe's citizens are not terrorists or drug pedlars and we are interested in helping that majority," says Lord Cockfield.

The ideas are not new and there is precious little chance of them being accepted today. But the new European Commission is determined not to let them go away. When the internal market council meets again in May, they will be top of the agenda again.

Like naughty children who refuse to eat their food, the ministers will have to face this "dull" meal time and again until they swallow it.

Ian Murray



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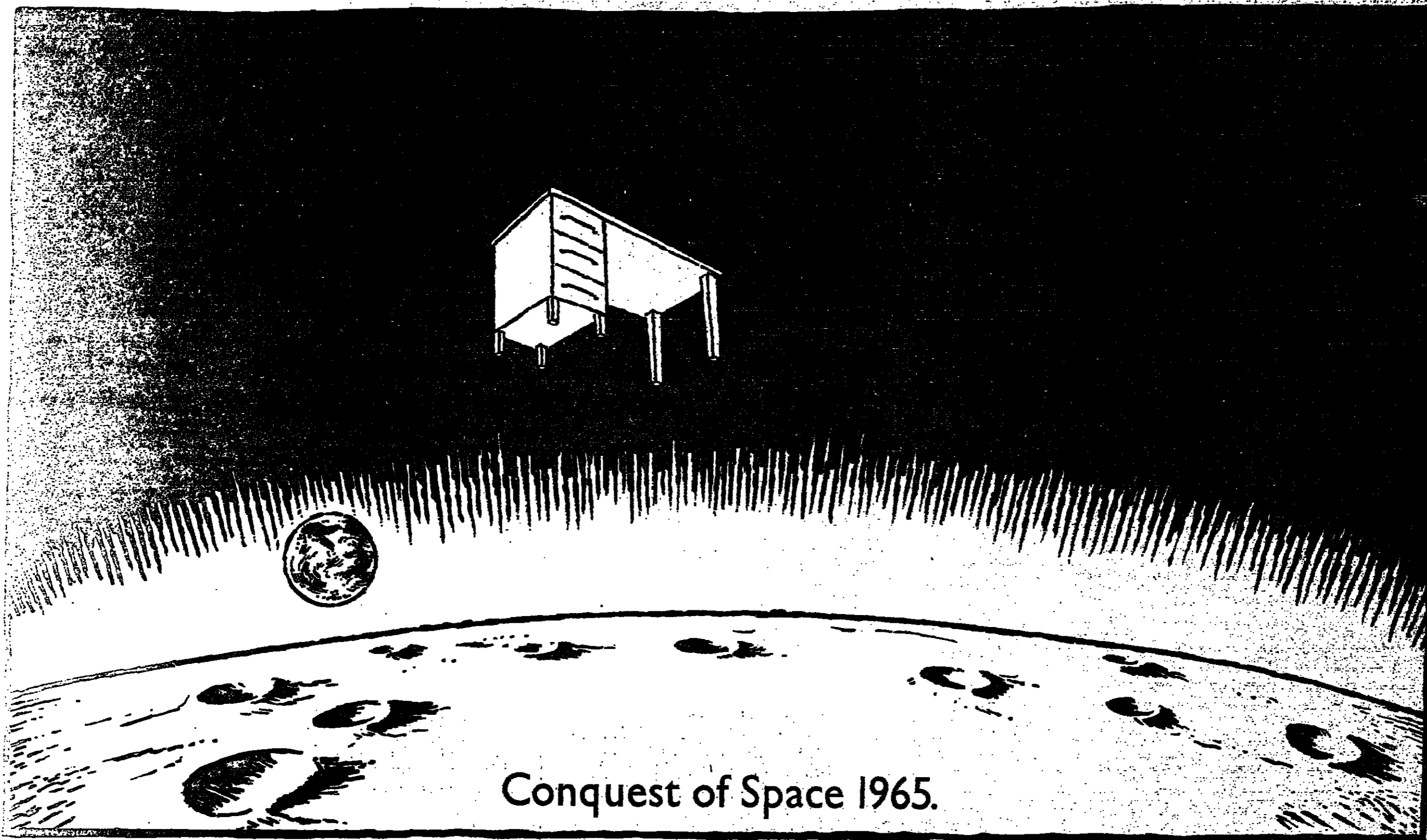
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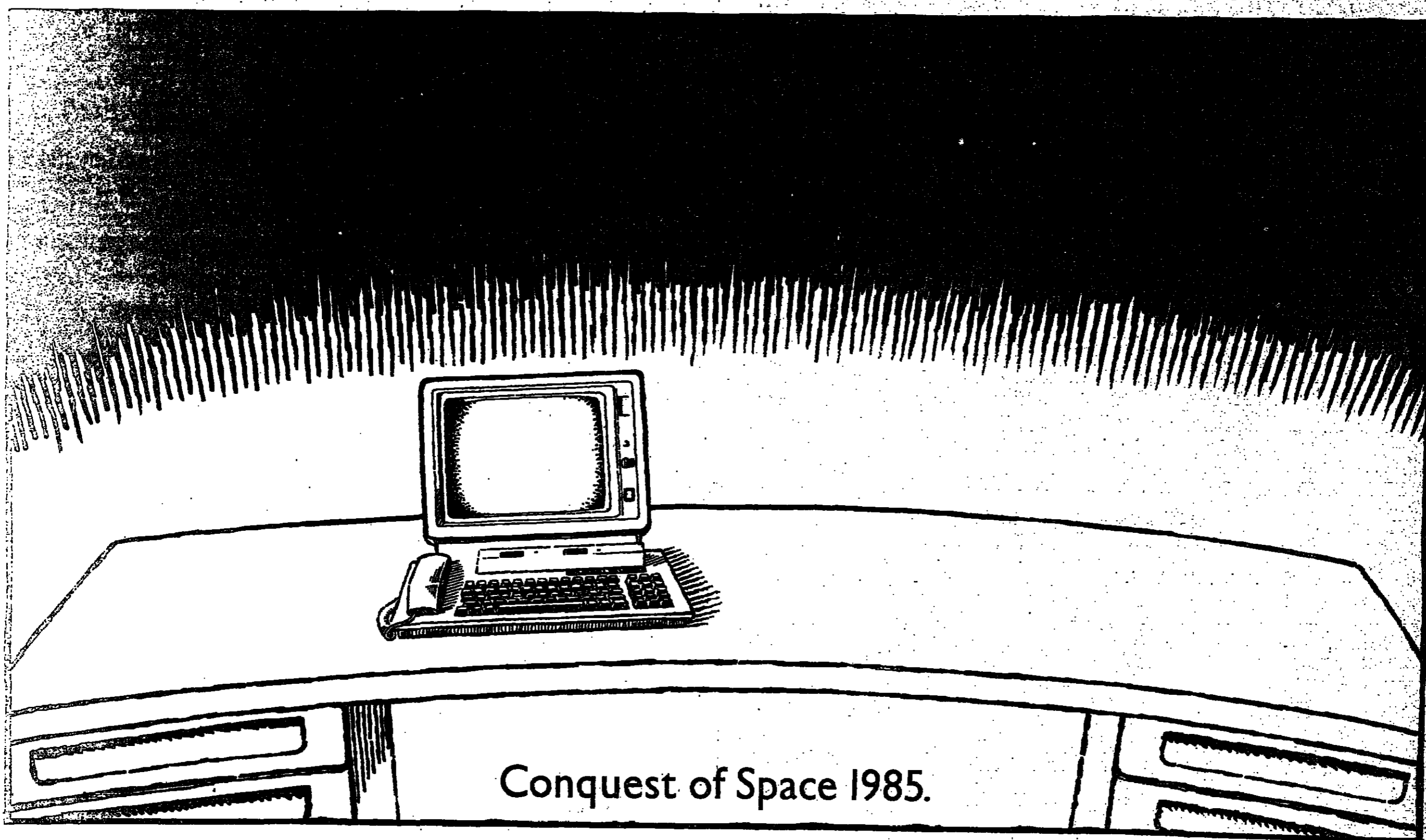


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Speedy economic recovery should bring the figures down

In the first of three articles by correspondents of The Times in Europe...

MICHAEL BINYON reports from Bonn on the Federal Republic's unusually high level of unemployment.

These were the figures for West Germany last month that at any time since the founding of the Federal Republic in 1949...

For most of its existence West Germany has known only very low unemployment rates. The post-war record reached in 1948...

levels common in other European Community members only three years ago.

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A single worker receives 63 per cent of his last salary, a married man with children 68 per cent.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE

Part 1 West Germany

Year	% unemployed (official figures)
1980	3.8
1981	5.5
1982	7.5
1983	9.1
1984	9.1
1985 (January)	10.6

Year	FRANCE	GERMANY	ITALY	UK
1974	2.8	1.6	5.3	3.1
1980	6.3	3.0	7.4	6.9
1981	7.3	4.4	8.3	10.6
1982	8.0	6.1	9.9	12.3
1983	8.0	8.0	9.7	13.1
1984	8.9	8.1	10.4	13.2

National methods of calculating unemployment differ. The most universally recognised figures are the standardised average annual rates above provided by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).



Relief hope: An Ethiopian child waits with a health card

Mengistu calls on professions to help in relief camps

From Paul Vallely, Addis Ababa

Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian leader, has issued a call to all his citizens "with suitable skills" to help at resettlement centres and relief camps.

He made the announcement as part of an austerity package to aid the famine relief operation in a speech on Ethiopian television and radio on Saturday evening.

He said in a rare address to the nation that the Government would issue directives to stop what he called the abuse of national resources.

These would include a ban on the import of luxury items, private cars and textiles; limitations on the use of government loans for private housing; and restrictions on the use of petrol, except in the public service.

Those with "suitable skills", by which he was understood to mean doctors, engineers and other professionals, would be asked to offer their services on a rota basis, at resettlement centres and relief camps, the colonel said.

The Ethiopian Government has declined to show the results of its cholera tests to Mr Kurt Jansson, the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, at a meeting with the Ethiopian Minister of Health this week-end.

of the international relief for areas of the country affected by famine. It was scheduled originally for Thursday and then postponed by Mr Gizaw Tsehai, the minister, until Saturday.

It is now more than two weeks since samples were taken and the results were promised.

Mr Jansson said after the meeting: "The minister told me that there was no cholera. He said he had passed the information on to the World Health Organization."

Sources close to the UN said that the Ethiopian politician simply made the claim without handing over the test results.

"The UN is in a difficult position," one observer said. "They do not have the authority to demand the results or to order independent tests. They are just forced to accept the Government's word, however unsatisfactory they may privately feel that to be."

Colombo urged to talk with Tamils

From a Correspondent, Delhi

The Sri Lankan Security Minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, flew back to Colombo after a two-day visit to Delhi, where he had talks with the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and other Indian leaders.

The two sides have agreed to maintain close contact "at an appropriate high level," he said in a statement before he left.

The Indian Prime Minister "understands the concern and aspiration of all sections of the Sri Lankan people in this matter and I have assured him of our President's and Government's full awareness of India's position."

The talks, which lasted an hour, reviewed the situation arising out of the ethnic violence in Sri Lanka and its impact on relations between the two countries.

ment spokesman described the talks as useful. Indian sources said Delhi impressed upon the Sri Lankan minister the need to resume dialogue with moderate Tamil leaders and discuss with them their demand for greater autonomy.

Delhi is believed to have assured Mr Athulathmudali that India favoured a political solution of the Tamil question within the framework of a united and sovereign Sri Lanka. It also tried to allay Sri Lankan doubts that India was allowing Tamil terrorists to operate from its territory.

It was just known whether Mr Athulathmudali gave an assurance that Colombo would soon resume dialogue with the Tamil United Liberation Front, which has been looking to Delhi for diplomatic help in its attempt to seek concessions from President Jayewardene's Government.

India frees arms plane after questioning crew

Delhi (AP) - A Zairian cargo plane, loaded with ammunition destined for Sri Lanka, left for Colombo yesterday after being detained overnight by authorities in southern India, an airport official said.

A British flight engineer, who asked not to be named, said the DC8 was flying from Amman, Jordan, to Colombo with crates of ammunition for the Sri Lankan Army. "It is an official flight. It's not a gun-running or a terrorist flight. We have official documents; all the boxes are labelled for the Sri Lankan Army."

after being held for 26 hours for departure in clearance. It was forced to land on Saturday as it ran out of fuel. It was detained when airport authorities found that it was loaded with Portuguese-made arms and ammunition destined for Sri Lanka, United News of India reported.

Sri Lanka has been seeking foreign military equipment for its battle against separatist Tamil guerrillas. The incident occurred as Sri Lanka's National Security Minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, held talks with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in Delhi on Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict and ways to improve relations between the two countries.

Three British journalists held in Sri Lanka

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Three British journalists have been arrested in the north of Sri Lanka and brought to jail in Colombo. They are said to have been working for a new feature agency, owned by Lord Cranborne, called International News Agency.

They are Mr Nicholas Coleridge, Mr Michael Zallakas, and Mr Peter Jourvenal. They were visited yesterday by the British consul in Colombo, Mr Clifford Harrison. A British High Commissioner spokesman said: "They have no complaints about their treatment, and we expect them to be deported."

The three were picked up by the Sri Lankan Army in Jaffna district while filming fishing villages there, he said. When they arrived in Sri Lanka they said they were tourists.

Sihanouk claims Chinese will come to rescue

By Our Foreign Staff

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the anti-Vietnamese resistance in Cambodia, said yesterday that he hoped the Chinese would soon give "active support" to his beleaguered forces.

Speaking at the front-line Village One, Phum Thmey, inside Cambodia, he said China had promised to teach Vietnam "a second lesson". The first, he said, was when they invaded North Vietnam six years ago.

The Prince was welcoming ambassador from North Korea, Bangladesh, Senegal and Mauritania to his coalition "Government of Democratic Korea". As the champagne corks popped, he told his visitors that a decisive battle was going on nine miles away, where his forces were under heavy pressure.

Soares coalition allies pick new leader

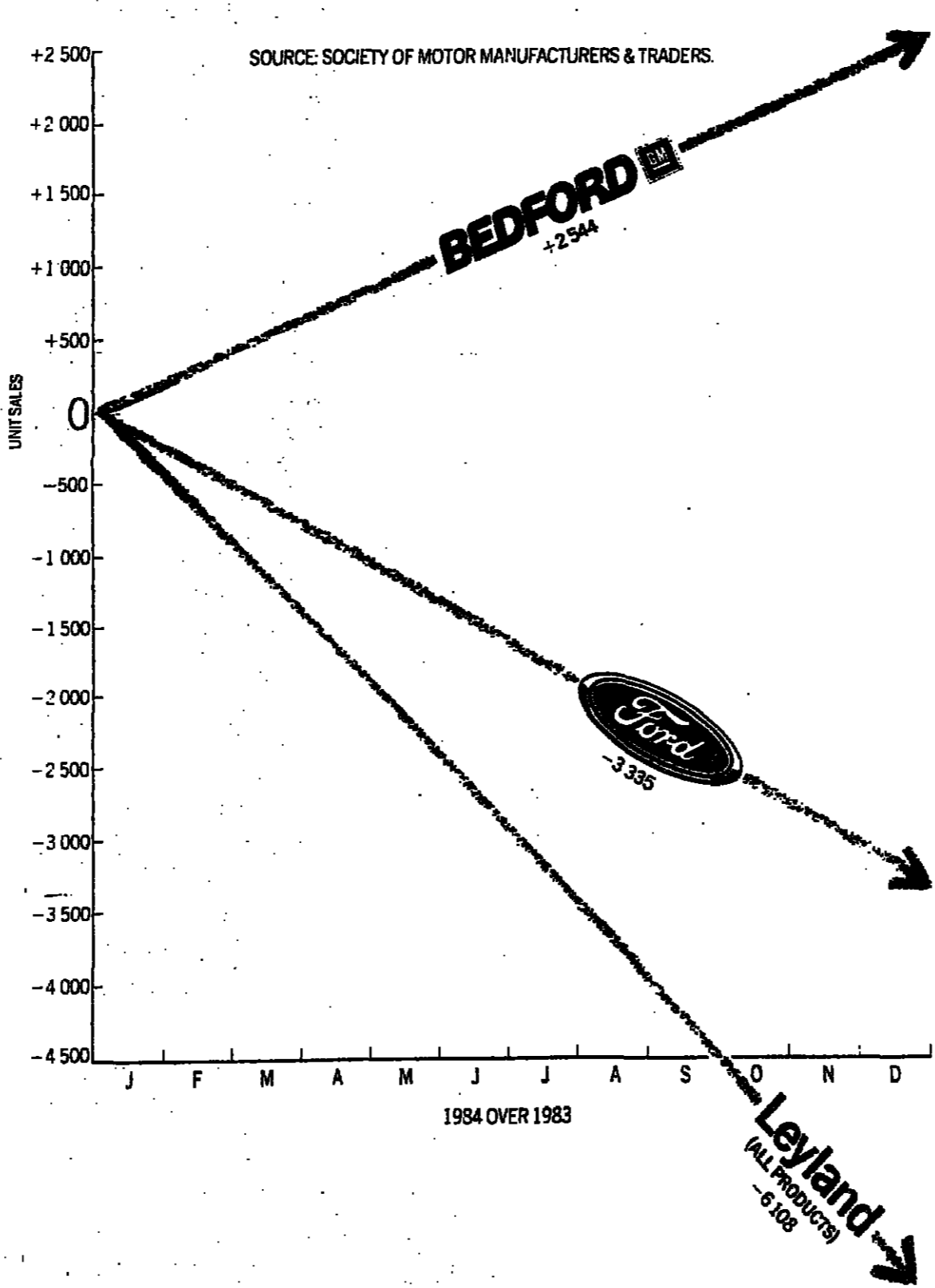
From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Portugal's Social Democrats yesterday chose the Minister of Justice, Senhor Rui Machete, as their new leader after 19 hours of debate in the political committee. He will replace Senhor Carlos Mota Pinto, who is Deputy Prime Minister in Dr Mario Soares's coalition Government.

of the split was the choice of a candidate in the coming presidential elections.

Senhor Machete is also expected to become Deputy Prime Minister but he has said he does not intend to take on the post of Minister of Defence, which was also held by Senhor Mota Pinto. A reshuffle of the Government is expected after a summit between the Socialists and Social Democrats this week.

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Or serving abroad with the Foreign Office.

Ten years hence, you'll probably have a mortgage and a young family.

It will be, in the words of the song, much too late for goodbye.

First, find out what you're good at.

Ideally, you wouldn't specialise straightaway.

You'd spend your first few years exploring different jobs.

Finding out what excites and what bores you. What you're good at and what you should definitely avoid. (As Somerset Maugham said, only the mediocre are always at their best.)

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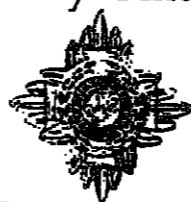
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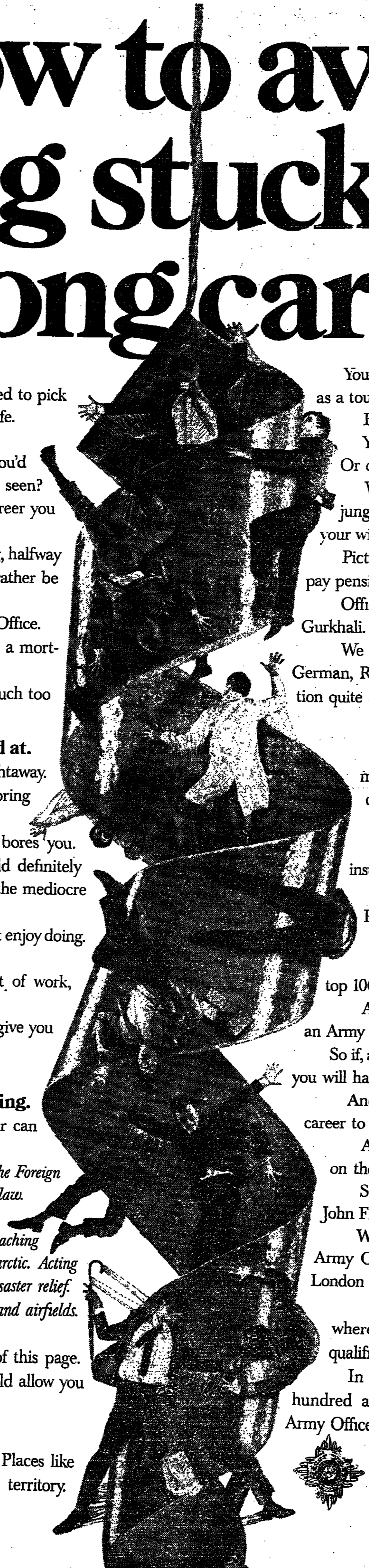
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Peter Ackroyd

London debuts Equal measures

It is astonishing that it has taken this long for the Basle-based but Spanish-orientated early music ensemble Hesperion XX to get to London...

The hit musical Me and my Girl bounces back on to the West End stage tomorrow. Lynne Truss talked to director Mike Ockrent

Doing the Lambeth walk

Mike Ockrent's revival of Me and My Girl, opening at the Adelphi tomorrow, is the first big musical he has directed...

the Leicester audiences have loved them. There's a joke I particularly like, where the family solicitor says to Bill, concerning his correspondence...

behind the comedy, so the whole cast is theatrically based: it's not the normal type of musical casting. We wanted the truth of the play to come through...



Leaning on a lamp-post: Mike Ockrent

Concerts

BBC SO/Wand Festival Hall/Radio 3

This was just the sort of concert that the tired worker listening at home on the radio might have enjoyed at the end of a hard week...

The BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted here by Günter Wand, did not make their task any easier by playing such an oddly balanced programme...

Nash Ensemble Wigmore Hall

Another rich mixture from the Nash Ensemble in their series 'highlighting Italian music from Boccherini to Berio...

Stephen Pettitt

LSO/Shostakovich Barbican Hall

Twice Richard Baker apologized for the hasty installation of BBC2's camera crew: twice, before a note had sounded, he told us this was an intensely interesting concert...

Hilary Finch

the way in which Wand tended to exaggerate those moments where Schumann mechanically repeats two-bar phrases...

Monteverdi Choir/Gardiner Queen Elizabeth Hall

In superficial details at least John Eliot Gardiner's conception of Bach's Mass in B minor does not differ greatly from several other recent interpretations...

Richard Morrison



David Hillman (Vronsky) and Lois McDonall (Anna)

Opera Novel references

Anna Karenina Coliseum staging they are provided in this English National Opera revival of their world premiere production from 1981...

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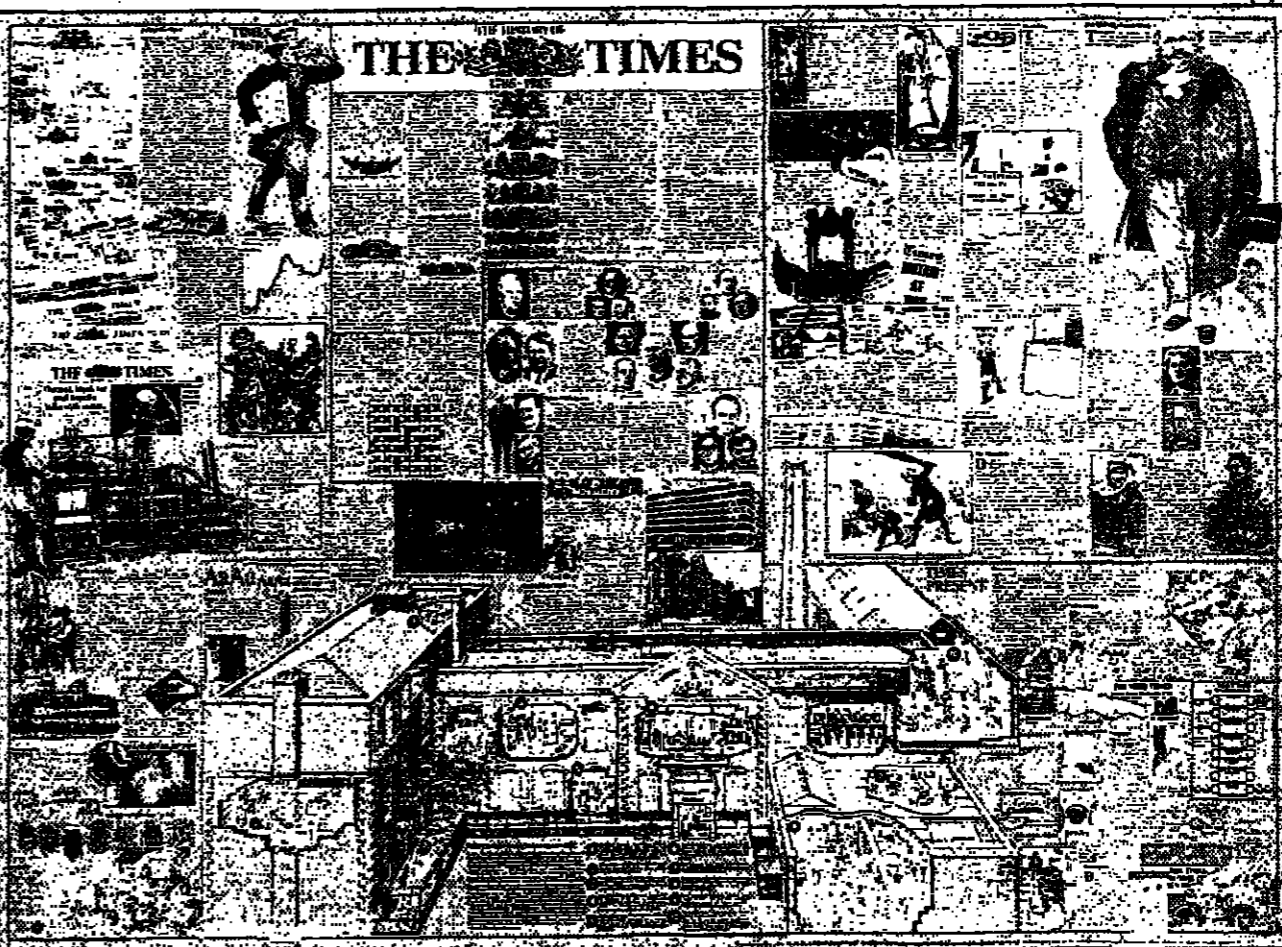
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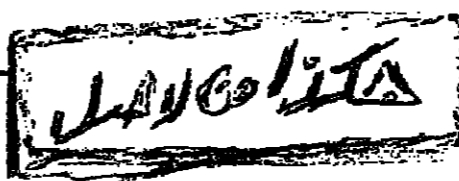


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Today T-shirts - Tomorrow the magazine

Katharine Hamnett, one of Britain's most outrageous yet influential fashion designers, plans to become a press baroness.

This month she launches Tomorrow, a magazine as toughly worded as her clothes. Angela Neustatter reports

Katharine Hamnett is delighting in her new role as magazine publisher. Over a bunch of grilled trout and large brandies, she loses editorial ideas around like confetti, talks of changing the world and, with a guffaw of self-parodying laughter, declares herself "The Tiny Rowland of my set-up".

The sum of all this is Tomorrow magazine, due to appear at the end of this month, in which Katharine has sunk some £20,000 of the profits from her vastly successful fashion business. But it is not, as might be supposed from someone who has spent the past decade and a half in the upper echelons of the rag trade, a glitzy challenge to Vogue and Harper's - rather the realization of a quirky dream. Katharine has fostered over the past 18 months.

She explains: "I want to synthesize the things which seem important to me from fashion, art, music and news to tough investigative journalism and get them under one cover. And I want to shock - there are some horrific things happening in the world just now which threaten us all and as well as providing top level entertainment I want to use my magazine to shout my mouth off about them. Well that's what the best press barons do, isn't it?"

She has a guaranteed circulation of 25,000 for the first edition because Tomorrow is being sold through the shops that stock her clothes including Brown's of South Molton Street, in London, which is planning a full window display. The magazine will also be translated into four languages and distributed to several hundred shops from Europe to America, Japan to Iceland, which sell Hamnett designs.

With this in mind the content will be international. There will be listings of exhibitions around the world which, declares Katharine, "you simply must not miss", reports on sartorial and musical trends in major cities; trans-global news and exposés of man's (or woman's) inhumanity to man wherever it takes place.

Katharine's excitement over her new project is evident and she is one of those people who is always apparently working to capacity but when, as now, needs must, she revs the carburettor and gets an extra spurt of energy. So days are spent juggling prototypes and drawings for a new season's designs - "the magazine is an addition to designing, not a substitute" - lightning trips to Tokyo, New York, Europe, hot line discussions with her editor.

But however compelling the pleasure of putting together this package of her dreams, has she stopped to ask the central question - is there a market for Tomorrow?

She is quite certain there is and that she is not alone in being bored by today's magazines. "There is a real need for something different, which is really hard hitting and not so insular and safe as most of the ones around. I am not in competition with any other magazine specifically - rather I like to see echoes of publications like Picture Post, Paris Match, Stern in my product.

"My reason for starting Tomorrow really sounds very grandiose - I want to educate people. Well I don't care if it sounds that way. I think we are all kept from important truths which threaten our future, our children's futures and because I am not planning to make a profit and I don't have to rely on advertising, I can have articles talking about scandalous corruption of industry, the way something like asbestos is a real risk to our children's future, or as in the story we have in our first edition, the fact that there are 2,000 secret pesticide factories in Britain.

"People suggest that the customers of up-market, stylish shops who spend a lot of money on my clothes are going to want a glossy fashion magazine not something which socks these kind of facts to them, but I don't think that is so. I think they will be interested and concerned just as I am, just as anyone would be. I'm not going into party politics but the kind of thing which is a risk whether you are rich, poor, old, young. And the fact is the rich have the power so if they do get concerned they may be able to do something.

"Besides if they don't like this material they can always turn over and see a stunning exclusive photo on the birth of Russian babies under water, or see fashion which is



Katharine Hamnett: "I don't want to be safe. I want to shock"

not the usual, careful, conservative thing but something which embraces charity shops and haute couture and, styled by Caroline Baker who is one of the great fashion people of this century.

Katharine first started airing her feelings on ecological and political matters with her collection of billboard T-shirts - giant white expanses of fabric with bold, black letters entreat-ing us to fight pollution and oppose nuclear weapons. She even wore one when she met Mrs Thatcher at a British Fashion Week reception. These were taken up enthusiastically

(except by the entourage from American Vogue who took one look, did a U-turn and left) and sold in large enough quantities to convince her the world was ready for her ideas.

Incidentally they provided the impetus for the magazine when journalist John May wrote an article about T-shirts and the designer. Katharine decided he was "sympatico" and the right man to make newsprint of her ideas.

Now that Tomorrow is close to being a viable reality - and her next dream is to make it into a commercial proposition

with a circulation of millions - she is looking forward to "touching base" again, perhaps taking a week at the house she owns in Spain with her two sons Sam, aged eight, and William, aged three. Or even taking a leisurely spin around town in her newly acquired bit of frivolity, a green Lincoln convertible complete with chauffeur.

And if that kind of decadence sounds in conflict with Tomorrow's more serious intent, she chortles a defiant answer: "We are all creatures of many parts. I don't believe in letting one part do all the running".

The price of being a younger wife

The Henry VIII syndrome, the psychological reverse of the Peter Pan one, has been getting a bit of an airing, following an American report that older men married to younger wives stay healthier and live longer. Strange that psychologists chose old Henry as a model of uxorious bliss but, then again, perhaps not, since they would be looking at things from the point of view of an older husband rather than a younger wife. Or, in Henry's case, six wives.

What is of far more interest to me is whether the younger consorts of today's Henrys stay healthier and live longer too. Is their psychological label Catherine Howard or Katherine Parr? My interest is more than academic, since I am married to a man 16 years my senior and would dearly like some hints as to the outcome of this liaison.



PENNY PERRICK

The conventional wisdom about women in my position is that we have chosen to be old men's darlings rather than young men's slaves. This will be news to a young woman of my acquaintance who, soon after marriage, presented her silver-haired husband with a set of twins a few weeks before he was due to retire. Ever since, she has had to work to support her children and is now sporting a few silver hairs herself.

It is true though that one misses out on one's husband's early years of struggle; the rented flats with the bookcases made of planks of wood supported on bricks, the third-hand old bangers, the terrifying overcraft. By the time one falls for an older man he is usually well dug into his own tastes, or those of previous wives. It is a case of love me, love my fixtures and fittings and a certain placidity is called for. I know a lady who, in her girlhood, lived in a series of over-heated flats with carpets as pink and fluffy as powder-puffs. Then she married the middle-aged owner of a modern mansion in Norfolk which had appeared in architectural magazines. It photographed beautifully but is hellish to live in because the damp seeps through the pressed concrete buttresses and the wind hisses through the exposed joints. The new châtelaine smiles bravely and reaches for another cardigan rather than cause trouble. It could well be that Ann Boleyn sealed her fate because she tinkered around with the Hampton Court furnishings in an insensitive manner.

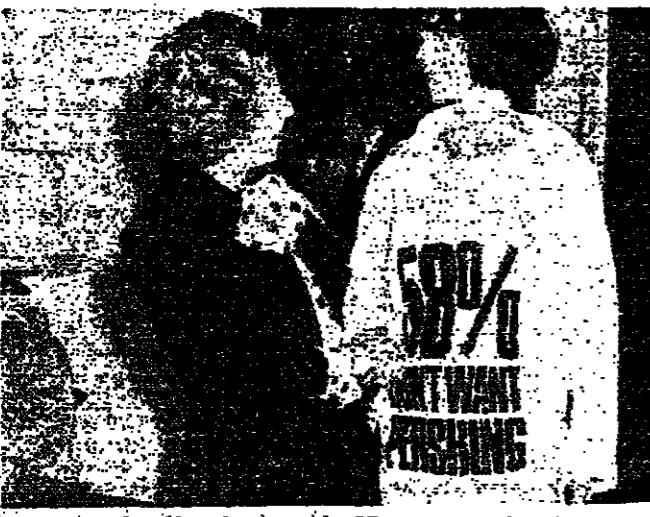
Or perhaps she behaved charmlessly towards Henry's friends. For it is an odd thing that whereas the man you marry is merely a trifle mature, a sparkling sophisticate in the

Cary Grant/Freddy Ayrer mould, his associates of exactly the same age appear to be, well, old. Their jokes and opinions have the rusty off-colour of Grecian 2000. They think Sade is an 18th-century writer on exotic sexual practices. They do not like the messages on Katharine Hamnett T-shirts. I am afraid that even though we younger wives know the score, or even the three score years and ten, before we marry, some of us still point the finger of blame as the generation gap gaps more blatantly with every birthday.

A friend of mine, married to a man who is 25 years older than she is, once told me in the middle of a discussion on family finances that "the trouble with Jim is that he'll probably go and die just when the children are ready to go to university, leaving me with all the expense". A shabby trick.

It is sometimes mooted that the danger of May/December marriages is that a younger woman may demand more than an older man can reasonably be expected to give. In my own case, at least, the reverse is true. My husband, whose career building years are over, is good and ready for some alternative action - partying, travel and such like. While I, at an age when work must come first, can't hope to match his energy.

The most inspirational role-model for younger wives is surely Frances Stevenson, the much younger second wife of Lloyd George. She said, "Do what you want to do and then be prepared to pay the price. That is the only bargain that fate understands." Sound advice for those who choose a Peter Pan, rather than a Henry VIII, too.



Mrs Thatcher gets the Hamnett message

The limits to the NHS limited drug list

Will patients suffer from the plans by the Government to restrict NHS drugs?

Nicholas Timmins investigates

Within the next four weeks, the Government will produce with a flourish its final version of the limited list - containing some 400 drugs for which from April 1, the National Health Service will no longer pay - and a far shorter list of perhaps 25 to 40 minor painkillers, laxatives and the like for which patients will still be able to get NHS prescriptions.

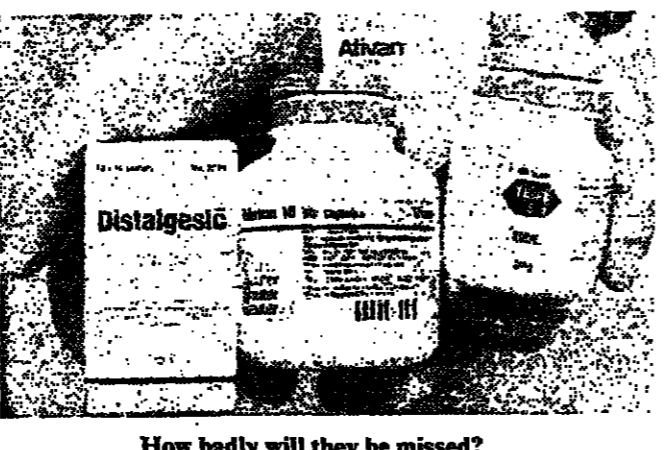
For the first time we will know whether the list is likely - as Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, claims - to meet "all clinical needs", whether patients will, as the British Medical Association and drug industry claim, suffer, and whether Mr Fowler can make the £100 million savings the list is supposed to produce.

There is a powerful case for limited lists. They have two interlocking aims: to improve the quality of prescribing, and to save money.

Doctors prescribe from about 6,000 drugs. No doctor can have the time or knowledge to know all their relative advantages, side-effects and prices. The market contains scores, if not hundreds, of remarkably similar "me too" preparations marketed by different companies.

In practice, most family doctors prescribe from a range of only 200-300 drugs, although from GP to GP. Cost differences can be spectacular. Valium from Roche can cost 17 times the non-brand name equivalent, diazepam.

To overcome the problems, at least 150 hospitals and some GPs have drawn up their own "limited lists". Frequently these go right across the board of prescribing. Drugs that are



How badly will they be missed?

more expensive than equivalent products, are of dubious safety or make exaggerated claims are excluded. Doctors using the remaining products can be well informed about their side-effects, and their interactions with other drugs on the list. Patients get not only cheaper, but better treatment.

They produce big savings. St George's Hospital, Tooting, runs a limited list that this year will produce a drug bill about £500,000 lower than if the list did not operate. How do the Government's proposals fit into all this?

The first point to be made is that the proposal was motivated only by the desire to save money. It had nothing to do with the quality of prescribing. The idea was pulled from Mr Fowler's bottom drawer at the end of last year's public spending round when the Treasury told him he must lop £100 million off his budget. Mr Fowler judged the limited list

the least damaging and most populist of his options. It was drawn up in just four days. Mr Fowler still chose his ground with care. Only 8 out of the 105 categories of drugs in the British National Formulary were chosen for restrictions.

They include treatments for indigestion, cough mixtures, minor painkillers, tonics and tranquilizers. With the exception of tranquilizers, Mr Fowler has pointed out that most are "home remedies", many available over the counter.

It is, of course, not quite so simple. Constipation is a minor irritation for most people. But the availability of a powerful and palatable laxative for a terminal cancer patient blocked solid by the side-effects of morphine pain-killers is no luxury. Neither laxative on the provisional list is suitable.

Wearing patients off the semi-addictive painkiller Distalgesic, and some of the older

tranquillizers to be blacklisted will not be a pleasant experience for patients or doctors.

The list can, and will be amended. But if the list is amended sufficiently to meet "all clinical needs" - something it clearly fails to do at present - Mr Fowler may find his £100 million saving evaporating. And if the list is not adequate, the saving will definitely not be made. The reason lies in the mechanism needed to implement it.

Because it only covers a limited area of drugs, it has to consist not of a "white list" of permitted products, but a "black list" for which the NHS will not pay. If the list is too restrictive, doctors will "trade up".

For example, if patients cannot stand the unpleasant indigestion products on the provisional list which cost perhaps 50p, and doctors cannot prescribe a pleasant but blacklisted brand name product costing say £1, they will be tempted to "trade up" and prescribe Tagamet, which costs £16 for a course of treatment. Tagamet is a powerful anti-ulcer drug, and will therefore remain on NHS prescription. But recently its manufacturers have been advertising it to GPs for "persistent acid-related" dyspepsia, which would normally be treated by a simple antacid.

The same could happen in other areas covered by the limited list if it is inadequate, and Mr Fowler's savings would vanish. The third problem is the right of appeal when a doctor believes his patient needs a blacklisted drug. In hospitals that is easy. The doctor wanders down the corridor to his

colleagues, and the matter is resolved in minutes.

But under Mr Fowler's scheme, pharmacists will be debarred by law from dispensing at NHS expense the blacklisted products. Either a cumbersome appeals machinery for GPs will have to be created, or some patients with unusual requirements will be denied the drug they need unless they pay for it.

Providing the list is adequate, this will probably be a small problem, given the classes of drugs affected. But it is a worrying one, and an erosion of the NHS.

If the list is extended later piecemeal to other classes of drugs, it would become serious.

The verdict on Mr Fowler's scheme is that, suitably amended, it can probably be introduced without too much damage to patients. But if the Government was serious about producing rational prescribing it would go for an agreed national limited list across all classes of drugs with an appeals machinery for the odd patient whose needs were not met. By doing that, the "trade up" problem could be avoided and patients would get better and cheaper treatment. But the Government will not do that. It would, ministers will claim, damage the industry too much. Unless Parliament stops it we are likely to be stuck with Mr Fowler's unhappy compromise.

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Face the facts

Larry Whitty, the new general secretary of the Labour Party, has one very visible asset that the face in question has bright eyes, a robust moustache and is capped by a shiny thatch of hair. Very similar faces are worn to good and popular effect by Mike Molloy, editor of the Daily Mirror and Gus MacDonald, the broadcaster.

Ken Livingstone, everyone's favourite socialist is another owner of The Face, although his has less hair on the top. Mr Whitty may take some comfort in the fact that all these look-alikes have done very well for themselves, and so may he. Although it is very face-ist to mention it, I am sure that had Arthur Scargill possessed The Face, rather than the one he's got, things might have turned out better for him.

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Correction
"Last call for postcard parents" (February 4) stated that a sponsor of Third World children through the agency Action Aid was paying £90 a month. The correct figure is £90 a year.

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THE TIMES DIARY

How Jim unfixed it

Jim Callaghan, brace yourself. As the grudge held against him by Lord Tony...

Off beam

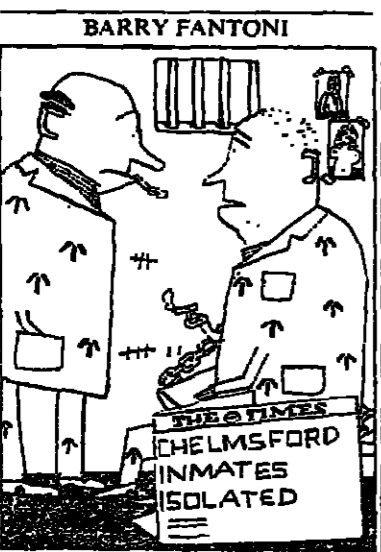
The two Scotland Yard detectives reported yesterday to have flown to St Lucia...

Waite for it

Mrs Thatcher again tried to get on the handwagons of the release of the four Brits...

Uncommon task

So much for BBC efficiency. The corporation is so moribund it cannot arrange the delivery of morning papers...



It's worse than being in jail

Gripping

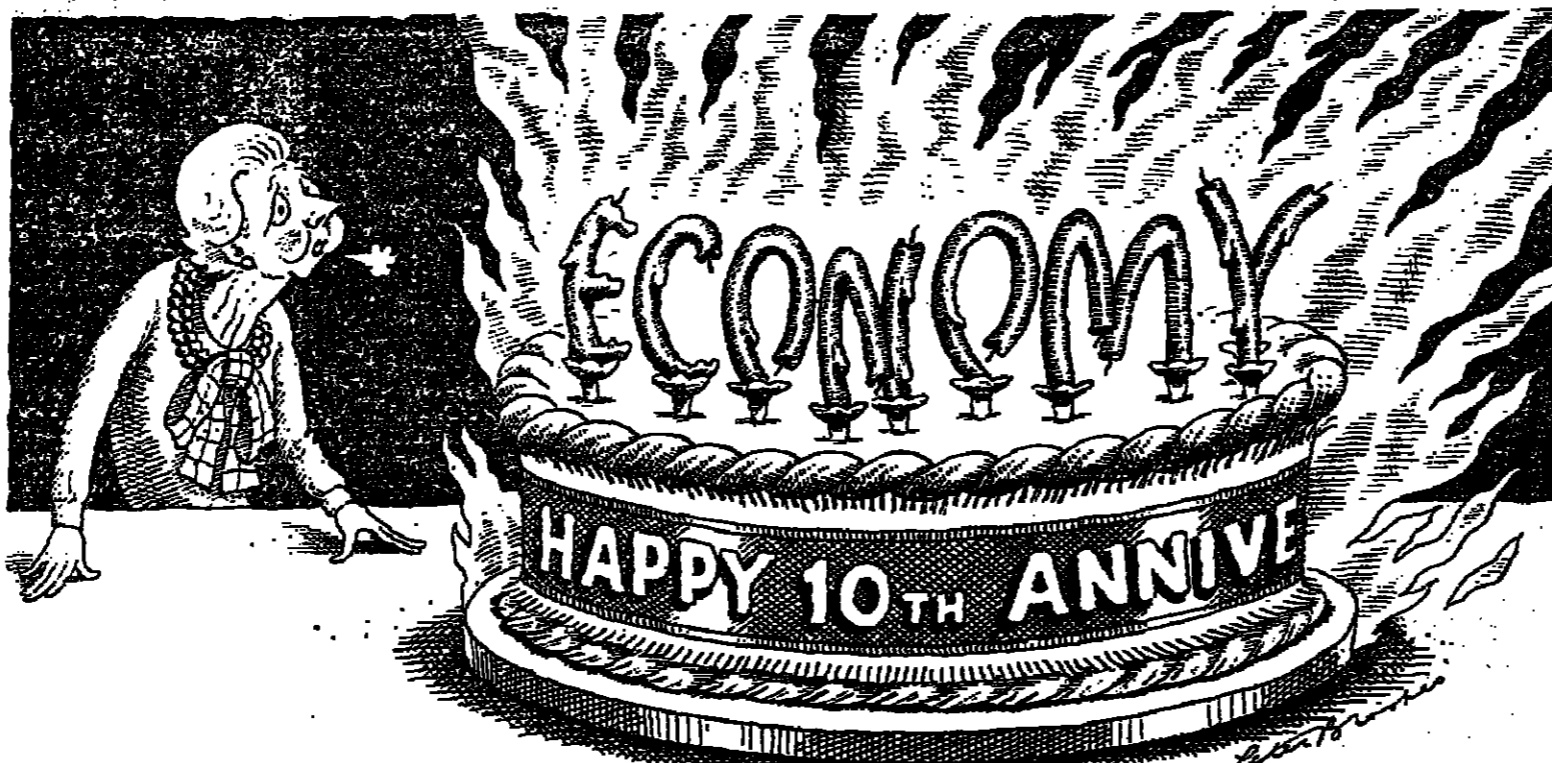
On the morning we reported that the Duke of Edinburgh had adopted a new "limp" handshake...

Borderline

Although no one would question Mrs Thatcher's concern over cruelty to children generally...

PHS

Today the Prime Minister celebrates 10 years as Tory leader but, according to the right-hand man of her first administration, she still lacks the strategy to halt Britain's decline



Overkill: the only answer

by John Hoskyns

Despite an unusually long period of financial stability and gradual recovery, and well before the recent slide in the oil price and the pound...

government since 1979 which brings these problems into our range of vision. Memories are short and people already forget the years when governments lived on a crisis budget to crisis mini-budget...

Labour costs in Britain are again rising while they are static or falling for our main overseas competitors. The financial burden of supporting the retired population, and especially the very old, grows heavier...

All this was done in the wake of the 1979 doubling of oil prices. We forget that in 1976 the government was borrowing today's equivalent of nearly £30bn and inflation was over 25 per cent.

We forget the days when the growing tax burden on the average worker was sold back to him as "the social wage" and concern about trade union disruption routinely dismissed as "scaremongering".

Where is Britain trying to go? Where would unchanged policies take us? What are the likely long-term consequences of a cautious strategy of "consolidation"?

Timothy Garton Ash finds that while the politics has changed, the politicians have not. The same old landmarks on the road from Yalta.

the US Government dramatically reopened the controversy by publishing its (slightly edited) official record of the conference. Churchill said it was "inaccurate".

Since then, Yalta has been catapulted back on to the front page by each major political crisis and Soviet intervention in Eastern Europe.

In December 1981, with the declaration of a "state of war" in Poland, President Mitterand followed de Gaulle. We must "sortir de Yalta", he said.

we had better concentrate our minds on how to preserve political stability with continued relative decline. But this, of course, has been the unspoken establishment posture for most of the post-war period until 1979...

I believe the Government must err on the side of overkill. If other industrialized economies were in a similar state to our own, we could afford complacency.

The present government - radical enough by post-war standards - operates in a hostile intellectual climate, shaped by governments which generally took the line of least resistance.

It requires great courage for ministers to speak the truth in such a climate. Courage requires convictions which are the fruit of intellectual effort, not of blind faith.

But it will not be enough for these outsiders to present analysis and prescriptions. They have first to persuade the official and elected policy makers to think in a different way...

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the Soviet Union and wishes to destabilize the democratic system. But there is also an intellectual civil war - perhaps even more dangerous - within the establishment...

The businessman is sometimes part of this problem. Like politicians and civil servants, he will have organized himself for coping with the present state of affairs.

There is nothing wrong with these ideas. But an entire and crucially more important phase is missing: economic stabilization, without which all these worthy ideas are scarcely worth discussing.

In this wider and intellectually richer world, party-political viewpoints are becoming less relevant. People starting from different political positions are brought closer together by their analysis of Britain's problem.

Tomorrow: taming the welfare state

gist of the Commons Early Day motion on overcoming the division of Europe. If 25 MPs, mostly Conservative, voted for the amendment...

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The great arguments today are about the "how" rather than the "what". Any previous settlement in the history of Europe which was so widely questioned and resented...

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John O'Sullivan

When MA stands for madam

New York Prostitution in New York is estimated to be a \$500 million business. Of course such statistics tend to have a ring of false exactitude.

None the less, the case of the Mayflower Madam here has established that prostitution is a varied business, if not a large one. It is also close to being a respectable business.

To be more exact, there are now two broad categories of prostitution. One conforms to the traditional image: it is controlled by people who are criminal on the most indulgent standard.

Now that Miss Barrows (nom de maison, Sheila Devlin) is facing trial and perhaps prison, people have the queasy feeling that something is wrong. However, they are not quite sure what.

Plaintly, they are not expected to eradicate commercial sex. A serious attempt to do that would require Draconian penalties and inquisitorial powers of enforcement going far beyond anything acceptable in a free society.

The principal one is to control a crime which is linked to more vicious crimes. Prostitution in the United States has been one of the main economic foundations of organized crime.

Two passages, read by chance on the same day: "Is not the sky a father, and the Earth a mother, and are not all living things with feet or wings or roots their children?"

And: "We know that the cascade of the waters, the murmur of the trees, the surge of the springs, are the life force of our island..."

The first of these passages records the words of a Red Indian, Black Elk, and is quoted as an illustration of the philosophy of the Ecology Party in Jonathon Porritt's book *Seeing Green*.

Jonathon Porritt would approve. I imagine, of the wonderfully self-sustaining ecology of Madeira, where a modern hydro-electricity scheme and an ancient network of irrigation canals have put them provide energy and a richly fertile landscape.

And the local population's feeling on the matter? Have all those new jobs as waiters and car-hire managers damaged their traditional sense of harmony with the land?

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because of the general belief that the relationship between pimp and prostitute was at least semi-erotic.

These considerations hardly apply to Miss Barrows' case. According to one of the prosecutors interviewed by Mr Hayden Guest, her business was not Mafia related; it was not linked to police corruption...

More than that, Miss Barrows was what would have been called a model employer in any other service industry. She deplored the use of drinks or drugs by her staff. She took a disapproving view of certain perverse practices and suggested phrases of polite evasion ("I'm afraid Sheila would never permit any of us to do something that heavy").

It is true that, from the unscientific standpoint of the economist, Miss Barrows might simply have been keeping her capital stock in good repair. But from the perspective of society at large, she was conducting an honest business in a notoriously corrupt trade.

Today, the Harvard-educated proprietor of a boutique brothel on the East Side would be photographed attending first nights. She would discuss her next book on television chat shows with respectful psychoanalysts who would treat her not without justification, as a professional colleague.

They would eventually achieve complete respectability by either posing for a *Playboy* centrefold or being elected to Congress. Miss Barrows, I should add, has already signed a book contract.

They would then need a word for the homage that virtue pays to vice.

Anne Sofer

Grey patches amid the green

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not buy happiness are firmly hammered home. But suddenly, on page 120, Porritt declares that the "zero-growthers" are as absurd as the "no-growthers".

"Substantial" economic growth will be needed in the Third World, and "limited" growth in the developed world. He argues that the ecological society will need greatly increased use of the new technologies (cleaner and more energy-saving), as well as "massive investment" in (among other things) energy conservation, housing, urban reclamation, renewal of the sewerage system, training...

In fact, the notion of "sustainable growth" is one that would now command a wide measure of agreement. So dire is our industrial plight that in any case it sounds like a dream of economic buoyancy rather than any sort of new frugality. But what *Seeing Green* does not make clear is how even this degree of growth, in the ecologically OK new technologies, is to come about.

Porritt talks in passing of the need to compete and improve productivity, but the words are clearly not part of his favourite vocabulary. They belong to the "tough harder" qualities of human nature, which he argues are over-emphasized in our society as compared to the balancing "gentler softer qualities".

(This is expressed by those who admire Eastern philosophy as yin and yang. It would of course be tempting to tease Jonathon Porritt, who is, sadly, a less than wholehearted admirer of the leader of my own party, by saying that it also sounds very much like "tough and tender".)

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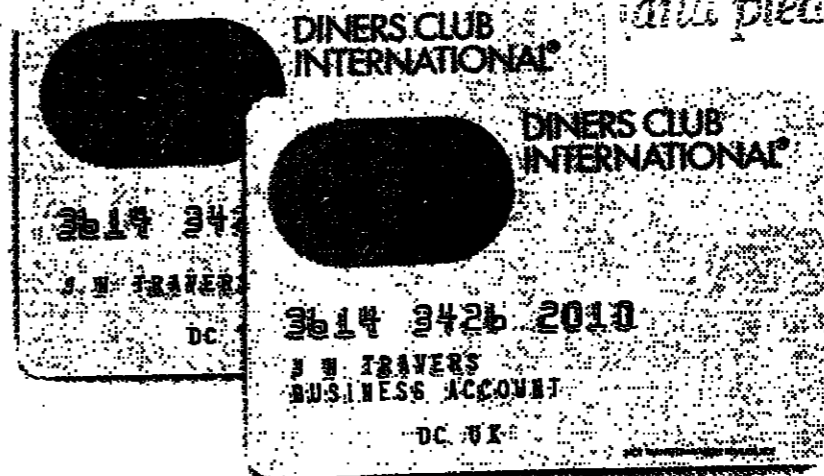
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THE DIVIDEND... A list of companies and their dividend details.

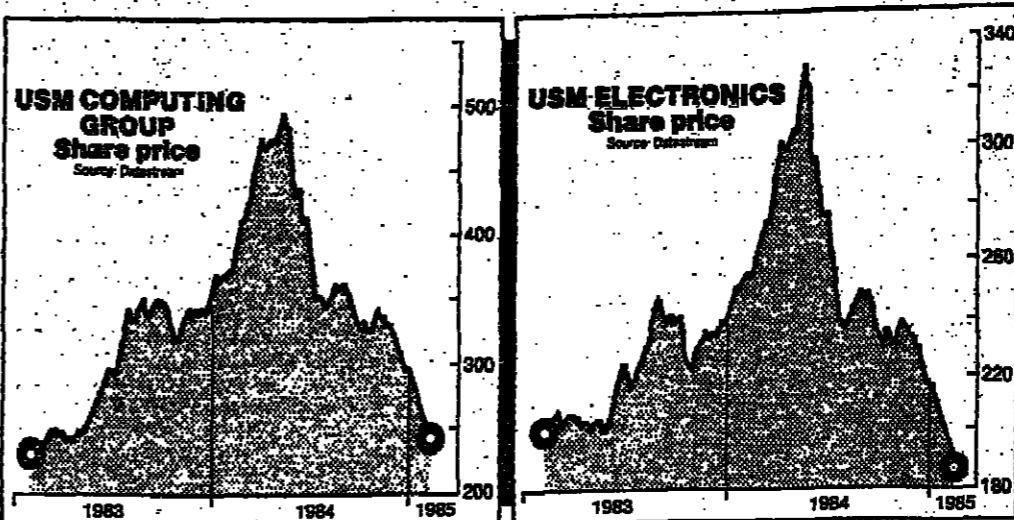
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Gilt-edged: yields look low in the Greenhouse

For out-of-town traders, the Greenhouse is a shy little champagne bar, tucked away at the back of the Royal Exchange. Normally, from 11.30 onwards, it is packed, as the heavy cavalry among the traders quaff down their bubbly. But last Tuesday, and ahead of the money supply figures for banking January, the bar was practically empty. The market's intuitive sense of value in danger is rarely misplaced.

High technology takes the low road

The fall from grace of the USM's once powerful high technology contingent - underlined by the problems of Acorn Computers - is the main reason why the market, as measured by the Datastream index, appears to be a no-growth area.

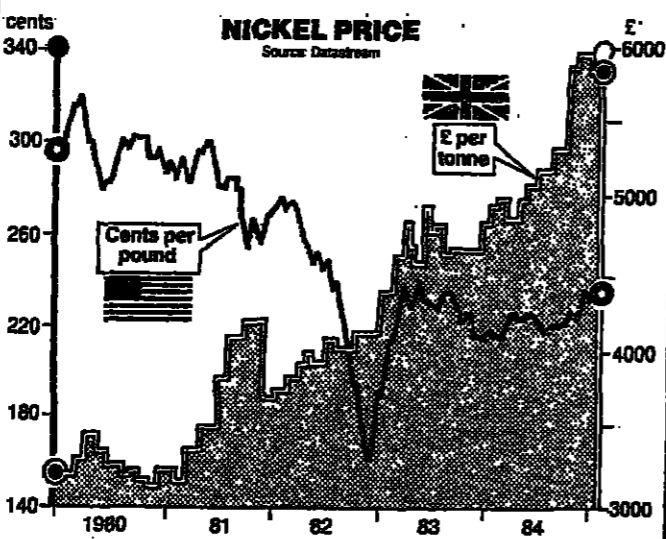


Nimslo, the 3-D camera share group, is another example of investor riches to rags. Its shares were once £6.20 and it could also claim to be the USM's biggest company. Today the shares are 24p.

electronics shares are restraining the index. Financial stocks are hitting new peaks. Among the companies which have helped to push that sector ahead is the Industrial Finance and Investment Corporation.

Mineral demand starts to bubble

The lacklustre performance of the bullion market in recent months has tended to obscure a considerable underlying activity among the less precious metals. Although the world economic recovery is moving into a mature phase and gradually slowing, the decline in the oil price is encouraging the traditional replacement of capital which normally occurs at this point in the cycle.



RTZ shares have had a good run since the turn of the year, in anticipation of the annual results due in mid-April. They should be good, and there should be considerably more to go for in the 1985 figures.

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for Capitalization, Company, Price, Change, Gross Div, and P/E ratio. Includes various companies like A & M New, Acorn, and others.

There are several reasons for this, among them the fact that the energy-saving habit instilled by the oil price explosion will not quickly fade, and that frame of mind has made industry noticeably more miserly in its use of raw materials.

However, there is a one-stop solution for British investors which will enable them to take an interest in the minerals revival across a broad front without going to the trouble of constructing a global portfolio.

According to Mr Eldred Halton, of the stockbrokers Grieverson Grant, the main beneficiaries of these developments will be the Canadian and Australian mining sectors, with nod towards the US-based Alcoa for aluminium and Newmont for copper.

So widespread are the group's activities that it is in effect able to straddle two stages of the economic recovery.

William Kay City Editor

OSBORNE & LITTLE plc advertisement. Includes text: 'Placing by Kitcat & Aitken of 1,625,000 Ordinary Shares of 5p each at 125p per share'. Also includes share capital information and company details.

Advertisement for Mid Glamorgan. Large text: 'We have the technology and skills'. Includes contact information and a list of services.

Table of investment trusts with columns for Capitalization, Company, Price, Change, Gross Div, and P/E ratio. Lists various trusts like Stewart Funds, General Trust, etc.

Swansea Dynamic City advertisement. Includes text: 'Send for the Swansea BUSINESS File giving your business requirements'. Also features National Westminster Bank PLC logo and NatWest announcement.

NatWest announcement. Text: 'NatWest announces that with effect from Monday, 11th February, 1985, its Branch Standard Rate is increased from 21% to 24%'. Includes bank logo and contact details.

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RACING: MRS DICKINSON FIERCELY CRITICAL OF EARNSHAW'S FORCING TACTICS

Wayward Lad no longer potent Gold Cup force

By Michael Seely
Wayward Lad remains the mystery horse of the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup after his seventh-length defeat by Earls Brig in the Mercedes-Benz Chase at Ayr on Saturday.



Monica Dickinson: keeping her options open

Five fences from home, as wayward Lad went well clear of the struggling Earls Brig and Richdee, this flamboyant jumper was showing all the qualities that have won him 25 races, including two King George VI Chases at Kempton Park.

Resumption depends on Newton Abbot

The stable could well be two-handed in the Gold Cup, as Righthand Man showed an abundance of stamina when winning the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow in December and has earned the right to take his place in the line-up.

Antarctic Bay earns Cheltenham run

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin
The Sun Alliance Chase is the objective for Antarctic Bay following his victory in the T.W. Draper Memorial Novices' Chase at Fairyhouse on Saturday.

Australian win for Piggott

Adelaide (AP) - Lester Piggott gained his first classic win in Australia with a dramatic finish on Centaurea in the SAU\$155,000 (€113,000) Australasian Oaks, over 10 furlongs at Morphettville.

Leaders over jumps

Table with columns: Jockey, Trainer, Race Name, Time, Margin. Lists winners of various jump races.

Saturday's results

Table with columns: Race Name, Winner, Jockey, Trainer, Margin. Lists results of Saturday's races.

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Assignment of cause of action is not champertous

Brownston Ltd and Others v Edward Moore Inbacon Ltd and Another
Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir John Megaw [Judgment delivered February 5]

Fisherman paid by fleet profit

Goodeve v Gilson's
Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Goff [Judgment delivered January 31]

Ban over objection to corporal punishment no excuse

Jarman v Mid-Glamorgan Education Authority
Before Lord Justice May, Mr Justice Stocker and Mr Justice Taylor [Judgment delivered February 1]

Copy must be given to defendant

Avon County Council v Millard and Another
Before Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Dillon [Judgment delivered February 1]

Establishing a defence to false trading

David v Allan
It was matter for the justices in a particular case whether there was sufficient evidence for them to conclude that a defence under section 24(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968...

Applications to be heard in open court

In re F (Deceased)
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